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March 05, 2024

Nathan Ochsner, Clerk

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
HOUSTON DIVISION**

<b>IN RE:</b>	§	
<b>GRIES &amp; ASSOCIATES, LLC</b>	§	
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<b>DEBTOR</b>	§	<b>BANKRUPTCY CASE NO. 23-34224</b>

**ORDER CONFIRMING DEBTOR'S  
PLAN OF REORGANIZATION UNDER 11 U.S.C. § 1191(a)**

On March 5, 2024 the Court held a hearing (the “Confirmation Hearing”) to consider confirmation of the Plan of Reorganization for a Small Business under Subchapter V of Chapter 11 (the “Plan”)<sup>1</sup> filed herein by Gries & Associates, LLC (the “Debtor”) on January 30, 2023 (Docket No. 69). The Court has reviewed the Plan, considered the documents admitted into evidence and the testimony of witnesses present at the hearing, considered the statements and arguments of counsel, the docket of the Bankruptcy Case, and considered any other relevant factors affecting the case as set forth on the record.

**Based upon the foregoing, the Court finds and determines as follows:**

A. The Debtor filed this case on November 1, 2023 (the “Petition Date”), and was qualified to be a Debtor under 11 U.S.C. § 109. The Debtor was also qualified and elected to proceed as a small business debtor under Subchapter V of the Bankruptcy Code as that term is defined by 11 U.S.C. § 1182(1).

B. This Court has jurisdiction over the Case pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157(a) and 1334. This is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2)(A), (L) and (O), and this Court has exclusive jurisdiction to determine whether the Plan complies with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code and whether it should be confirmed. Venue in the Southern District of Texas

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<sup>1</sup> Capitalized terms used herein without definition shall have the meanings provided for in the Plan. In addition, any term used in the Plan or this Order that is not defined in the Plan or this Order, but that is used in the Bankruptcy Code or the Bankruptcy Rules, shall have the meaning assigned to that term in the Bankruptcy Code or the Bankruptcy Rules.

was proper on the Petition Date and continues to be proper under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

C. Every person or entity required to receive notice of the hearing on confirmation of the Plan, as well as the Plan voting and Plan objection deadlines set by the Court, received timely and adequate notice as required by the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (“Bankruptcy Rules”) 2002 and 9014 and the Bankruptcy Code.

D. The contents of the Plan (with any modifications as set forth below) satisfy the applicable requirements of 11 U.S.C. § 1190 and any other applicable requirements of the Bankruptcy Code. **However, the Court strikes "up to" from page 11, paragraph 2 of the plan.**

E. The Plan (with any modifications as set forth below) and the Debtor have satisfied all applicable requirements for confirmation of the Plan under 11 U.S.C. § 1191(a).

F. The Plan (with any modifications as set forth below) and the Debtor have satisfied all other requirements of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rules necessary to confirm the Plan.

**THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, DECREED, AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Plan of Reorganization for a Small Business under Subchapter V of Chapter 11 filed by the Debtor on January 30, 2024 (Docket No. 69) and attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, is hereby **CONFIRMED** and approved in each and every respect as a consensual plan pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1191(a), with the modifications set forth below. The terms of the Plan are incorporated by reference into, and are an integral part of, this Confirmation Order.

2. To the extent any objections to confirmation of the Plan have not been resolved or withdrawn, any such objections are hereby denied.

3. The effective date of the Plan shall be April 5, 2024 (“Effective Date”), notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan.

4. In the event of a conflict between provisions of the Plan and this Confirmation Order, the terms of this Confirmation Order shall control.

5. Within three (3) days after the Effective Date, the Debtor shall serve notice of (i) entry of this Confirmation Order; (ii) the occurrence of the Effective Date; and (iii) any bar dates and any other deadlines set by the Plan (“Notice”), pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 3020(c). The Notice shall be sent to all creditors and parties-in-interest by first class mail, postage prepaid. The Debtor shall thereafter promptly file a copy of such Notice with proof of mailing with the Court.

6. The provisions of the Plan, and any documents executed in conjunction with the Plan, and this Confirmation Order are, as of the Effective Date, effective and binding on the Debtor, all creditors of the Debtor, and any other parties-in-interest, as well as their respective heirs, successors, assigns, or other persons claiming through them. The failure to specifically describe or include any particular provision of the Plan in this Confirmation Order shall not diminish or impair the effectiveness of such provision, it being the intent of the Court that the Plan be approved and confirmed in its entirety subject to the modifications set forth herein. Each provision of the Plan shall be deemed authorized and approved by this Confirmation Order, subject to the modifications set forth herein, and shall have the same binding effect of every other provision in the Plan, whether or not mentioned in this Confirmation Order.

7. The Debtor and its respective agents and attorneys are hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to carry out the provisions of the Plan and to perform the acts and execute and deliver the documents as are necessary or appropriate in connection with the Plan and this Order.

8. Nothing in this Confirmation Order or the Plan shall in any way operate to, or have the effect of, impairing or extinguishing in any respect any causes of action disclosed on Debtor’s schedules or arising under chapter 5 of the Bankruptcy Code or any other claims or defenses owned

by the Debtor on the Effective Date, and the Debtor shall retain such claims as provided in the Plan, including any claims or defenses that may not have been defined in the Plan but are nonetheless owned by the Debtor on or before the Effective Date. After the Effective Date, the Debtor may, in accordance with the provisions of the Plan, evaluate and determine whether to pursue any such retained claims.

9. Except as otherwise expressly provided in the Plan, all payments and other distributions to be made under the Plan shall be timely and proper if mailed by first class mail on or before the date of distribution provided for in the Plan to the address listed in the creditor's proof of claim filed in this case, or, if no proof of claim is filed, to the creditor's last known mailing address.

10. On the Effective Date, Debtor shall be and is hereby discharged to the extent and as provided by 11 U.S.C. § 1141(d)(1), except that Debtor will not be discharged of any debt or obligation: (i) imposed by this Plan; (ii) excepted from discharge under 11 U.S.C. § 523 as provided by 11 U.S.C. § 1141(d)(2) if the Debtor is an individual; and (iii) to the extent provided in 11 U.S.C. § 1141(d)(6) if the Debtor is a corporation.

11. The Debtor and all holders of Claims and Interests are bound by the Plan within the meaning of 11 U.S.C. § 1141.

12. The Court shall retain jurisdiction of this case for all purposes provided in 11 U.S.C. §§ 1127(b) and 1142, and Bankruptcy Rule 3020(d).

13. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1141(b), except as otherwise provided in the Plan or in this Confirmation Order, as of the Effective Date, all the property of the Estate vests in the Debtor. Except as provided in 11 U.S.C. § 1141(d)(2) and (3), and except as otherwise provided in the Plan or in this Confirmation Order, after Confirmation of the Plan, the property dealt with by the Plan is free and clear of all Claims and Interests of creditors. If the Debtor's bankruptcy case is

subsequently converted to Chapter 7, all property of the Debtor shall automatically revert and become property of the bankruptcy estate of the Debtor in the converted Chapter 7 case.

14. The services of the Subchapter V Trustee shall terminate upon substantial consummation of the Plan, and the Debtor is to file and serve a Notice of Substantial Consummation upon the Subchapter V Trustee, the U.S. Trustee, and all parties-in-interest within fourteen (14) days following substantial consummation as required under 11 U.S.C. § 1183(c)(1) and (2).

15. This Confirmation Order is a final order and effective and enforceable immediately upon entry and the period in which an appeal must be filed shall commence upon the entry hereof.

Signed:\_\_\_\_\_

Signed: March 05, 2024

  
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Jeffrey P. Norman  
United States Bankruptcy Judge